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In re Application of	:	
Derek Murashige, et al.	:	
Application No. 10/662,998	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: September 16, 2003	:	
Attorney Docket No. 0009	:	

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed December 28, 2007, to revive the above-identified application.

This application became abandoned for failure to timely file a reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 to the final Office action of May 21, 2007. The proposed reply required for consideration of a petition to revive must be a Notice of Appeal (and appeal fee required by 37 CFR 41.20(b)(2)), an amendment that *prima facie* places the application in condition for allowance, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and submission (37 CFR 1.114), or the filing of a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b). See MPEP 711.03(c)(II)(A)(2). A two month extension of time pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) was obtained. Accordingly, the date of abandonment of this application is October 22, 2007.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of a Notice of Appeal; (2) the petition fee of \$770; and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay.

The petition is **GRANTED**, *nunc pro tunc*.

The Technology Center was without authority to act further in the case absent a grantable petition reviving this application after abandonment. Nevertheless, in view of this decision on petition, the Notice of Appeal is now considered a proper filing and the actions of the Technology Center taken thereafter are hereby ratified.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to undersigned at (571) 272-1642.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 2161 to process the appeal brief filed January 14, 2008.

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